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¹²12. (NEW) A vehicle door comprising:

at least one support element and at least one outer panel element, said support element having a service opening on an outer side which is closed off by said outer panel element, wherein at least part of an edge zone of the outer panel element is provided with a spacing element of adjustable dimension for fastening of said outer panel element to said support element.

¹³13. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹²12, wherein said spacing element is made of a settable plastic.

¹⁴14. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³13, wherein said settable plastic is a heat-sensitive adhesive.

¹⁵15. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹⁴14, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is reversibly heat-sensitive.

¹⁶16. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹⁵15, wherein said spacer element connects to said outer panel element with said support element.

¹⁷17. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹⁶16, wherein said spacer element is movable in at least two directions.

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18. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³~~12~~, wherein at least one elongated stiffening element is provided in said edge zone of said outer panel element.

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19. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹⁹~~18~~, wherein said stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element.

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20. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ²⁰~~19~~, wherein said stiffening element is continuously sealed along said support element.

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21. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³~~22~~, wherein said support element and said outer panel element form a hollow chamber.

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22. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹⁶~~23~~, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is heated to allow removal of said outer panel element from said support element.

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23. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³~~24~~, further including an interior panel element.

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24. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³~~25~~, wherein said support element contains at least one of a hinge and a closure element.

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25. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³~~26~~, wherein said support element is connected to at least one of a hinge and a closure element.

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26. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³~~27~~, further including a stiffening element secured to a said outer panel element.

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27. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ²⁷~~28~~, wherein said spacer element connects said outer panel element with said stiffening element.

²⁹ 28. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ¹³ ~~12~~, wherein said outer panel element is detachably joined to said support element.

~~29~~³⁰. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim ~~19~~²⁰, wherein said stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element by at least one bolt.

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~~30.~~ (NEW) A method of assembling a vehicle door comprising the steps of:
providing a heat sensitive spacing element of adjustable dimension for
fastening of an outer panel element to a support element; and
heating said spacing element to secure said outer panel to said spacing element
and said spacing element to said support element.

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~~31.~~ (NEW) The method as recited in claim ~~31~~, further including the step of re-heating
said spacing element to remove said outer panel from said spacing element.